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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO

BETWEEN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

TO

**PROVIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE STRATEGIC
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

Dated as of: April 6, 2006

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO

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AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT between the Government of the United States of America, acting through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, acting through the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"), dated as of April 6, 2006.

WHEREAS, The Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") to provide program support for programs to achieve strategic development objectives, USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-04-00 dated September 19, 2005 (capitalized terms not defined in this amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the SOAG) and subsequently amended such agreement on September 30, 2005 (Amendment No. 1); and

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee wish to amend Section 3.1 (a) of the SOAG to increase the USAID contribution by SIXTY ONE MILLION THIRTY THOUSAND (US) DOLLARS (US\$61,030,000.00);

Therefore Section 3.1(a) of the SOAG is amended as follows:

- (a) Section 3.1 (a) is amended by deleting the amount ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND TEN HUNDRETHS United States ("U.S.") Dollars (\$113,560,771.10) and inserting the amount ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND TEN HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (US\$174,590,771.10) in lieu thereof.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Amendment No. 2 to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day, month and year first written above.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

By:

Name: Alonzo L. Fulgham

Title: Director, USAID Mission to
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By:

Name: Anwar-ul-Haq Ahady

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